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Title : CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATOR, ROTOR FOR USE THEREIN AND
METHOD OF SEPARATING CONTAMINANTS FROM LIQUIDS

Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2004, Applicant elects Invention I for prosecution. Claims 1-25 are drawn to Invention I.

Furthermore, Applicant elects the species of Figure 2 for prosecution. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, and 21 read on the species of Figure 2. Of these claims, each of claims 1, 2, and 8-10 is generic to the species of Figures 2-5, 11, and 12; claim 3 is generic to the species of Figures 2-4, 11, and 12; claim 5 is generic to the species of Figures 2-5; and claim 7 is generic to the species of Figures 2-5.

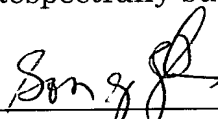
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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Reply dated November 1, 2004
Response to Office Action dated October 1, 2004

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #100562.52565US).

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